

# **Plan to begin to address subway crime in New York City**

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# **The incumbent has no plan to deal with crime.**

## **Gentrification and blank-check immigration overwhelmed us.**

- Non-stop gentrification and the resulting displacement have wrecked social order in New York City.
- Horrific living conditions in the City's failed homeless shelter system (by design) push individuals out, leaving them with no where to go but to public spaces deemed safe, welcoming, or, at least, tolerant.
- The mistake was not the granting of asylum to immigrants seeking entry into the U.S. Rather, the mistake was Municipal Lawmakers using the City Budget to write blank checks to pay for U.S. foreign aid in the form of housing immigrants.
- **All of this has to change.**

# **In response to subway crime, Democrats have ignored their own failed policies, which destabilised social order.**

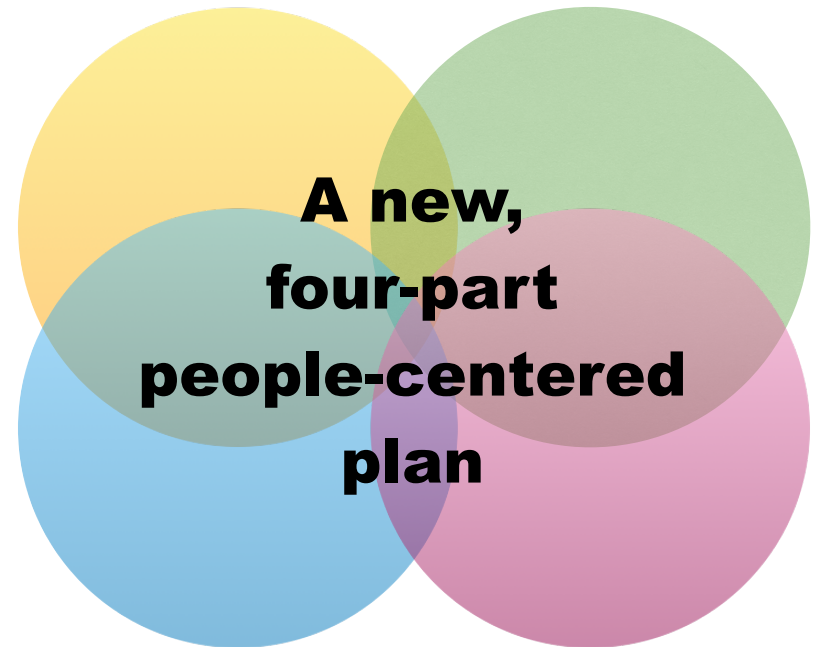
- Democrats voted for the luxury condo/market-rate rental apartment conversion of strategic community assets, such as hospitals operating as 501(c)(3) public charities, our public housing stock, and spaces that could be converted into public housing.
- Democrats closed or downsized full-service hospitals with in- and out-patient psychiatric treatment and in- and out-patient drug treatment.
- Democrats legalised drug abuse without regard for the need for drug addiction treatment for our most vulnerable citizens.
- Democrats continue to support a free-market healthcare insurance system that doesn't treat patients but, rather, focuses on profit.

# **To worsen subway crime, Democrats proposed more failed policies, much of it police-centered.**

- The Democratic Party response to subway crime has been myopic, namely, to focus on the crime *after* it takes place, but not the Government policies that created the social disorder :
  - more and more NYPD officers stationed at certain subway stations and riding on some subway trains ;
  - the impotent presence of the National Guard ;
  - NYPD and expensive private security guards to crack-down on fare evasion ;
  - outreach teams with clipboards and the address listings of the City's notoriously broken homeless shelter system ; and
  - muscle to threaten to put people into hospitals, by force if necessary, "if they behave erratically enough." (But what hospitals ? Where ? How many hospitals actually remain ?)

**My plan to address subway crime begins by revolutionising the City's broken homeless shelter system.**

**DHS and  
nonprofit  
homeless  
shelter  
providers**



# Outline of my subway crime response plan

**Considering the contributory Government policies, we must :**

- end approvals of nonstop gentrification and the resulting secondary displacement ;
- under a new Inter-Agency, refocus DHS and nonprofit homeless providers in three ways :
  - Redevelop shelters into long-term housing as SRO's,
  - In certain settings, provide on-site addiction treatment for nonviolent residents, and
  - In certain settings, provide on-site psychiatric care and medical supervision for residents ;
- open a homeless intake office in Penn Station that provides primary medical care, diagnostic tests, out-patient drug treatment counseling, other medical supervision, basic hygiene facilities, and food bank and other referrals ;
- provide ADA escorts to senior citizens, pregnant people, and people with disabilities from the street level down to the subway platform (and back up) at subway stops without elevators ; and
- with the police in an advisory role, put the Penn Station office, the new ADA escorts, and others into a CAHOOTS-like Inter-Agency that will serve as "first responders" on the MTA.

# Funding streams to pay for bottom-up anti-crime plan on the NYC subway system.

